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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McCONE

SUBJECT: JCS, NRO Relations

In accordance with the discussions which you and Mr. Gilpatric had on the above subject, Dr. McMillan and I have drafted a very much shortened version of an agreement which I believe is in complete keeping with the spirit of your remarks to Mr. Gilpatric, and Mr. Gilpatric's subsequent discussions with us.

I am taking the liberty of sending you a copy of this proposed agreement in Mr. Gilpatric's absence, and would hope that you could comment on this at an early date so that we can discuss with Mr. Gilpatric an agreed-to version of this agreement upon his return.

I believe that both the conciseness of this agreement and its content should be compatible with your desires as expressed to Mr. Gilpatric, and form the basis for a suitable understanding between the NRO and the JCS.



Eugene G. Fubini

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AGREEMENT

D/NRO and JCS-JRC

1. This agreement formalizes arrangements for NRO utilization of technical and operational resources of DoD for support and execution of airborne reconnaissance operations.
2. The peacetime resources of the NRO and DoD covered by this agreement include peripheral and special mission aircraft, certain aircraft now conducting assigned overflight missions, certain drone aircraft and advanced manned aircraft under development; and, in addition, the logistic and operational support provided other missions.
3. During periods of war or tension, as defined by the Secretary of Defense or higher authority, and over such areas or territories as may be designated by that authority, airborne reconnaissance missions will become the responsibility of the JCS and necessary control and resources will be transferred from the NRO as required.
4. In order to ensure, inter alia, that such a transfer of mission control can be accomplished efficiently when required; that complete

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technical and operational coordination between current and future JCS and NRO missions is provided, including mission status reporting; that the Joint Chiefs are kept fully informed on all mission planning and status; that the logistic and operational support provided other missions can be presented to and reviewed by the JCS with adequate lead times; that such technical and planning support as is directed by the D/NRO is provided to manage the sum of DoD-NRO resources; and that vehicles under NRO-DoD control, currently under development, which could be used for overflight purposes, when and if such missions are assigned, are supported by mission plans and resource allocations acceptable to the D/NRO and JCS, the D/NRO and the JCS agree that:

a. The Chief JRC will assume appropriate staff duties for the D/NRO, and will make the services of JRC available as the D/NRO directs, to arrange for implementation required by the preceding considerations.

b. The duties of the JRC vis-a-vis the JCS and NRO will be in accordance with existing directives, understandings, and arrangements, amplified where necessary to reflect additional functions assigned to the JRC by the D/NRO.

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5. Specific additional duties assigned to the JRC will reflect the above considerations in a manner agreeable to the D/NRO and JCS.

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